IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A sealing device ~~(4)~~ for a reciprocating shaft, the sealing device being interposed between a shaft ~~(1)~~ reciprocating in an axial direction and an outer peripheral member ~~(2)~~ surrounding an outer periphery thereof, comprising

a washer ~~(41)~~;

a main lip ~~(42)~~ integrally bonded to a sealed space ~~(A)~~ side of the washer ~~(41)~~ and slidably brought into close contact with an outer peripheral surface ~~(1a)~~ of said shaft ~~(1)~~;

an auxiliary lip ~~(43)~~ integrally formed in an outer peripheral side thereof; a backup ring ~~(44)~~ fitted to a portion between an atmosphere ~~(B)~~ side of the slidable surface ~~(42C)~~ of said main lip ~~(42)~~ and an inner peripheral portion ~~(41a)~~ of said washer ~~(41)~~ and bearing said main lip ~~(42)~~ from the atmosphere ~~(B)~~ side and the inner peripheral side;

a dust lip ~~(45)~~ integrally bonded to the atmosphere ~~(B)~~side of said washer ~~(41)~~ and slidably brought into close contact with the outer peripheral surface ~~(1a)~~ of said shaft ~~(1)~~; and

an outer peripheral lip ~~(46)~~ integrally bonded to the outer peripheral portion ~~(41b)~~ of said washer ~~(41)~~ and brought into close contact with said outer peripheral member ~~(2)~~,

wherein said auxiliary lip ~~(43)~~ is brought into close contact with an inner peripheral surface of an inner peripheral step portion ~~(31)~~ formed in an inner periphery of a contact portion with said washer ~~(41)~~ in a rod guide ~~(3)~~ fixed to said outer peripheral member ~~(2)~~ and having an inner peripheral surface closely faced to an outer peripheral surface of said shaft ~~(1)~~ so as to be continuous in a circumferential direction, with a proper fastening margin.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A sealing device ~~(4)~~ for a reciprocating shaft, the sealing device being interposed between a

shaft ~~(1)~~ reciprocating in an axial direction and an outer peripheral member ~~(2)~~ surrounding an outer periphery thereof, comprising

a washer ~~(41)~~;

a main lip ~~(42)~~ closely fitted to a main lip holding concave portion ~~(41c)~~ formed in a sealed space ~~(A)~~ side in an inner peripheral portion ~~(41a)~~ of the washer ~~(41)~~ so as to be continuous in a circumferential direction and slidably brought into close contact with an outer peripheral surface ~~(1a)~~ of said shaft ~~(1)~~;

a backup ring ~~(44)~~ fitted to a portion between an atmosphere ~~(B)~~ side of the slidable surface ~~(42c)~~ of the main lip ~~(42)~~ and a rising surface of said main lip holding concave portion ~~(41c)~~ and bearing said main lip ~~(42)~~ from the atmosphere ~~(B)~~ side and the inner peripheral side;

a dust lip ~~(45)~~ integrally bonded to the atmosphere ~~(B)~~ side of said washer ~~(41)~~ and slidably brought into close contact with the outer peripheral surface ~~(1a)~~ of said shaft ~~(1)~~; and

an outer peripheral lip ~~(46)~~ integrally bonded to the outer peripheral portion ~~(1a)~~ of said washer ~~(41)~~ and brought into close contact with said outer peripheral member ~~(2)~~.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A sealing device ~~(4)~~ for a reciprocating shaft, the sealing device being interposed between a shaft ~~(1)~~ reciprocating in an axial direction and an outer peripheral member ~~(2)~~ surrounding an outer periphery thereof, comprising

a washer ~~(41)~~;

an auxiliary washer ~~(47)~~ arranged in a sealed space ~~(A)~~ side of said washer ~~(41)~~ in a state of being brought into contact with a rod guide ~~(3)~~ fixed to said outer peripheral member ~~(2)~~ and having an inner peripheral surface closely faced to an outer peripheral surface of said shaft ~~(1)~~, and having an outer peripheral portion pressure-inserted and fitted to said washer ~~(41)~~;

a main lip ~~(42)~~ integrally bonded to a sealed space ~~(A)~~ side in an inner peripheral portion of the auxiliary washer ~~(47)~~ and

slidably brought into close contact with an outer peripheral surface ~~(1a)~~ of said shaft ~~(1)~~;

an outer peripheral lip ~~(46)~~ integrally bonded to an outer peripheral portion of said auxiliary washer ~~(47)~~ and brought into close contact with said outer peripheral member ~~(2)~~;

a backup ring ~~(44)~~ fitted to a portion between an atmosphere ~~(B)~~ side of the slidable surface ~~(42c)~~ of said main lip ~~(42)~~ and an inner peripheral portion ~~(41a)~~ of said washer ~~(41)~~ and bearing said main lip ~~(42)~~ from the atmosphere ~~(B)~~ side and the inner peripheral side; and

a dust lip ~~(45)~~ integrally bonded to the atmosphere ~~(B)~~ side of said washer ~~(41)~~ and slidably brought - - - - the outer peripheral surface ~~(1a)~~ of said shaft ~~(1)~~.